

What is claimed is:

1. A game apparatus for executing a war simulation game,  
comprising:

5 a first generator for generating image data to display a normal  
state image on a preset display, which includes a map, at least one  
player's element, and at least one opponent's element, both  
elements being positioned on the map;

10 a first controller for activating the first generator when  
operation data indicating an operation by a game player is sent to  
the first controller and controlling the first generator to generate the  
image data for the normal state image according to the operation  
data;

15 a second generator for generating image data to display a  
combat state image on the preset display, which represents that one  
of the at least one player's element fights against one of the at least  
one opponent's element;

20 a second controller for activating the second generator when  
the operation data is sent to the second controller and controlling  
the second generator to generate the image data in real time in  
response to the operation data; and

a selector for receiving the operation data, determining  
whether or not the operation data satisfies a preset condition, and  
sending the operation data to either the first controller or the  
second controller in accordance with the determination.

25 2. The game apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the  
preset condition is whether the operation data includes an

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instruction that desired one of the at least one player's element should fight against desired one of the at least one opponent's element.

3. The game apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the  
5 selector sends the operation data to the second controller when the operation data satisfies the preset condition.

4. The game apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the  
second controller detects a distance between the desired player's  
element and the desired opponent's element according to the  
10 operation data, and controls the second generator so that the displayed combat state image reflects the detected distance.

5. The game apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the  
map of the normal state image comprises a plurality of areas, and  
each of the both elements is positioned in one of the plurality of  
15 areas respectively.

6. The game apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the  
second controller determines, according to the operation data,  
whether or not an area in which the desired player's element is  
positioned is adjacent to an area in which the desired opponent's  
20 element is positioned, and controls the second generator so that the displayed combat state image represents the desired player's  
element to fight the desired opponent's element in short-range  
circumstance when the area in which the desired player's element is  
positioned is adjacent to the area in which the desired opponent's  
25 element is positioned, while the display combat state image  
represents the desired player's element to fight the desired

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opponent's element in long-range circumstance when the area in which the desired player's element is positioned is not adjacent to the area in which the desired opponent's element is positioned.

5 7. A method of executing a war simulation game on a game apparatus, comprising:

10 a first generating step of generating image data to display a normal state image on a preset display of the game apparatus, which includes a map, at least one player's element, and at least one opponent's element, both elements being positioned on the map;

15 a first controlling step of activating the first generating step in response to reception operation data indicating an operation by a game player and controlling the first generating step to generate the image data for the normal state image according to the operation data;

a second generating step of generating image data to display a combat state image on the preset display, which represents that one of the at least one player's element fights against one of the at least one opponent's element;

20 a second controlling step of activating the second generating step in response to reception of the operation data and controlling the second generating step to generate the image data in real time in response to the operation data; and

25 a selecting step of receiving the operation data, determining whether or not the operation data satisfies a preset condition, and sending the operation data to either the first controlling step or the

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second controlling step in accordance with the determination.

8. A storage medium having computer readable program code means embodied in the medium, the computer readable program code means comprising:

5           first computer readable program code means for generating image data to display a normal state image on a preset display, which includes a map, at least one player's element, and at least one opponent's element, both elements being positioned on the map;

10           second computer readable program code means for activating the first computer readable program code means in response to reception operation data indicating an operation by a game player and controlling the first computer readable program code means to generate the image data for the normal state image according to the  
15           operation data;

            third computer readable program code means for generating image data to display a combat state image on the preset display, which represents that one of the at least one player's element fights against one of the at least one opponent's element;

20           fourth computer readable program code means for activating the third computer readable program code means in response to reception of the operation data and controlling the third computer readable program code means to generate the image data in real time in response to the operation data; and

25           fifth computer readable program code means for receiving the operation data, determining whether or not the operation data

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satisfies a preset condition, and sending the operation data to either the second computer readable program code means or the fourth computer readable program code means in accordance with the determination.

5           9. A computer program for a computer having a display, the computer program causing the computer to execute the steps of:

          a first generating step of generating image data to display a normal state image on the display of the game apparatus, which includes a map, at least one player's element, and at least one  
10       opponent's element, both elements being positioned on the map;

          a first controlling step of activating the first generating step in response to reception operation data indicating an operation by a game player and controlling the first generating step to generate the image data for the normal state image according to the operation  
15       data;

          a second generating step of generating image data to display a combat state image on the display, which represents that one of the at least one player's element fights against one of the at least one opponent's element;

20       a second controlling step of activating the second generating step in response to reception of the operation data and controlling the second generating step to generate the image data in real time in response to the operation data; and

          a selecting step of receiving the operation data, determining  
25       whether or not the operation data satisfies a preset condition, and sending the operation data to either the first controlling step or the

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second controlling step in accordance with the determination.

10. The computer program according to claim 9, wherein the computer program is stored in a computer readable storage medium.